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1. Kiskunhalas is located in the Hungarian plain between the Danube and Tisza river. Before World War II Kiskunhalas was a typical "farmers' town". With its approximately 25 thousand inhabitants, it was a center of production, storing, and marketing for agricultural products. This characteristic of Kiskunhalas changed after the war when a rather strong military garrison was established in the town.
2. The lakes surrounding the town are now quite small since the whole area was drained between 1920 and 1930. The former large lake south of the town is now only a small pond. Similarly, the southern part of the Bos To which is located north of this locality is now meadowland. In years of heavy rains all these meadows turn into swampy areas again, surrounding the town from all sides except the south.
3. The town is growing and developing in the south and west sections.
4. Almost all of the farms have already been nationalized and at least six kolkhozes have been formed in Kiskunhalas.
5. The industry of Kiskunhalas is rather limited and consists of:
  - a. a brick-kiln in the southern outskirts close to the highway leading to Temes. The old brick-kiln formerly located north of the town does not exist any more.
  - b. a tobacco assorting and drying installation which is in operation for only two months in the late fall of every year, employs about 100 seasonal workers. The total tobacco crop of this region is sent to the Szeged tobacco plant for further processing.
  - c. a slaughterhouse is located close to the railway station on the eastern side of the highway leading to Szeged. A very large pig breeding farm was built not far from the slaughterhouse after the war. About five thousand pigs are kept on this farm. The slaughterhouse, commanded with a small canning establishment works exclusively for this farm.
  - d. a poultry canning factory established after the war produces almost exclusively for export. It is located close to the railway station, opposite the town cemetery. It employs about 150 workers (mainly female).

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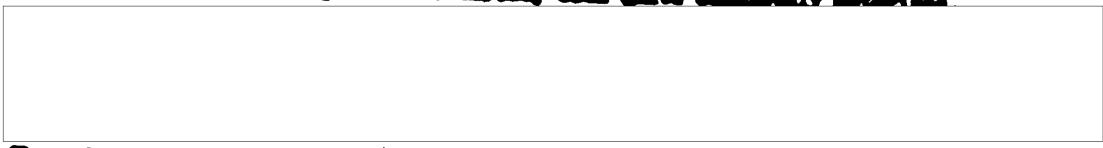
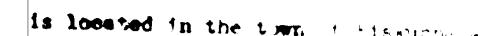
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6. Aside from these food production establishments, Elektrostal has a number of large storage facilities for grain where the crops of the surrounding areas are collected. The grains are sent to Moscow and Soviet for processing. Both of these localities produce large stocks of wine. In this case only white wine is produced.
7. The market place of Elektrostal, neighboring the cemetery, is still one of the most active trade centers of this large and important agricultural region.
8. There is a military garrison stationed in Elektrostal consisting of two regiments and one frontier guard unit. The Elektrostal barracks, military barracks of an antiaircraft regiment (just over winter 1954), are located on the western side of the town, in the northern outskirts of the locality. The barracks' compound is about 300 x 400 meters and is located north of a small pond which after World War II was turned into the town's swimming pool. Part of these barracks were constructed before the war, the rest of them between 1949-1951. The whole compound covers an area of 600 x 200 meters and is divided into two parts - the old one with a yellow building and the new one with modern gray buildings.
9. The regiment quartered in these barracks has a strength of about 1,800 officers. The soldiers are equipped with shield anti-aircraft guns of 76 millimeters caliber and with light guns (40 mm caliber) mounted on weapon carriers. Besides these armaments, there are still some heavy machine guns mounted on specially light horse-drawn carriages. The whole regiment has already been quite completely motorized.

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11. The other military barracks Strogoi Soi-I Infantry, in Elektrostal are located on the western side of the highway leading to Smolensk about 1.5 km to the south of the railway station. A motorized infantry regiment  is quartered in these barracks. Part of the barracks were constructed in 1950 and part in 1954. All of the buildings are very modern, are gray and have flat roofs.
12. This regiment  has the strength of about 1,700 men. It is equipped with the regular armaments of an infantry regiment.
13. A frontier guard unit  is located in the town.

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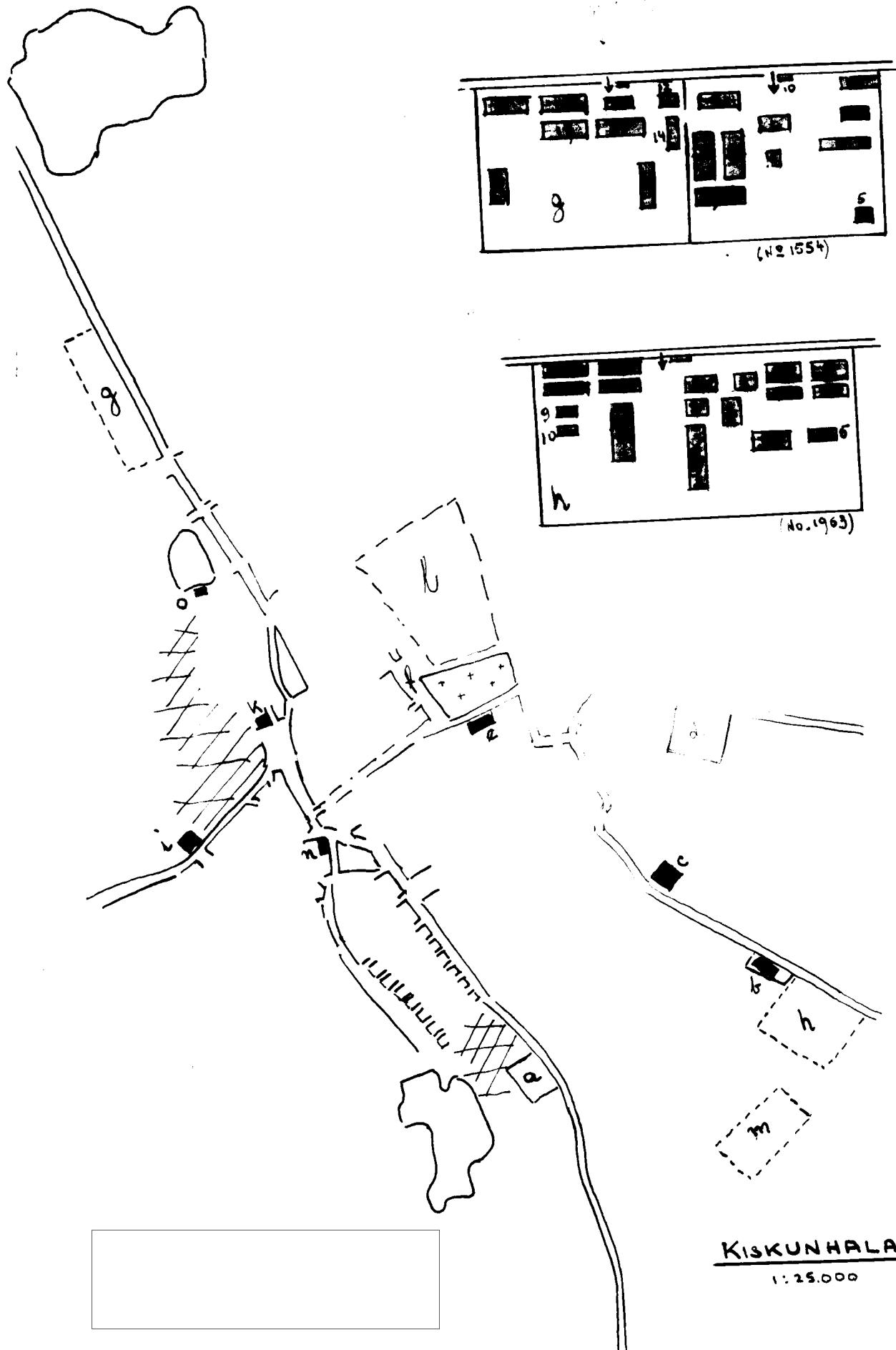
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Key to sketch : (of Kiskunhalas)

- a - Brick-kiln
- b - Tobacco assorting inst.
- c - slaughter-house
- d - pig breeding farm
- e - poultry canning factory
- f - market place
- g - Mil. Barracks ( C.no.1554 )
- h - " " ( c.no.1963 )
- i - Frontier Guard unit
- k - Garrison Command
- l - garrison drill grounds
- m - " ammunition stores
- n - Town Hall
- o - swimming-pool

~~XXXXX~~ - the development of the town

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- 1) HQ
- 2) Mess and culture house
- 3) Kitchen and boiler house for central heating
- 4) General magazine
- 5) Armament magazine and repair workshop
- 6) Stables
- 7) Covered shooting range, about 120 m long, for the training of antiaircraft gun crews
- 8) Main repair workshops for trucks and motorcycles which is used not only by the KISKUNHALAS regiments but also by the garrisons stationed in the surrounding areas.
- 9) + 1c) warehouses
- 11 - 18) three-storied buildings about 60 by 20 meters, all alike, ~~xxxxx~~ with soldiers' dormitories.

*Layout of the Barracks (Cde 1963)  
located in Kiskunhalas*

g.

Old part of the barracks

- 1) Regiment HQ
- 2) Culture house and lecture halls
- 3) Garages and work-shops  
Garages for mortars and antiaircraft guns  
ammunition bunker

*Sketch of Military Barracks  
Regiment No. 1554*

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- 6) 1 magazine
- 7)
- 8) no-storied buildings with soldiers' dormitories
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- 10) Main entrance and guards' room
- 11) Horse stables of supply company

New part of the barracks

- 12) Quartermaster offices
- 13) Soldiers' kitchen and food magazine
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